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This letter is in response to Applicant's Request to Withdrawal the Finality of the Office Action, entered March 6, 2003. The request cannot be considered. Any question as to prematurity of a final rejection is reviewable only by petition under 37 CFR 1.181. See MPEP § 1002.02(c) and 706.07(c).

Furthermore, the examiner notes that the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejections in Paper #33 are exact duplicates of the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejections made in Paper #27.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin R. Kruer whose telephone number is 703-305-0025. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Thibodeau, can be reached on (703) 308-2367. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-305-5408.

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